



4-H E-mail Announcements for March 2, 2010

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*****Workshop on Team-Building*****

Please join the 4-H club and mentor programs on Thursday, April 1, for a Life Skills Training on teamwork. We will be learning several different lessons on teamwork. These fun activities will be hands-on, interactive learning experiences that demonstrate that two heads are better than one. These experiential "mind teasers" are a lot of fun and teach a good lesson. The program will be held at the 4-H office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. You must RSVP to Rachel at 586-783-8163 or rcalca@macombcountymi.gov by Wednesday, March 31st. Hope to see you there!

*****Kids Helping Kids (Silent Auction Benefit)*****

We are asking 4-H families to donate items for the auction. Items can be themed baskets, gift certificates, handmade items, or any gift that you feel can bring in some money to benefit those in need in HAITI. It will be held at Armada H.S. at 6:30 pm on March 31, 2010. Together 4-H Can Make a Difference! For more information and drop off locations-call Haley Waterstraat at 586-727-3030 or email alaynew@peoplepc.com

*****Community Service Contest*****

Again this year, Macomb County will be recognizing clubs who perform and report on their community service efforts. The club with the most community service hours per youth member will receive \$200 at 2010 Fall Leader update. All clubs who turn in their community service report form will also receive a prize. The report form is located on Macomb County 4-H website under forms. For more information, contact Kathy at the 4-H office 586.469.6431.

*****Livestock Jeopardy*****

Livestock Jeopardy will be held this Saturday, March 6th at 11:00am at the Armada Lions Club-23031 E. Main Street Armada. Teams of 4 compete on their knowledge of various livestock species. Cost is \$10 for teams of 4 plus 4 cans of food. Audience members are asked to bring one can of food. All food will be donated to a local food pantry. If you have not already registered-you can still come and pay at the door. Questions -call Kathy at 4-H office 586 469-6431.

*****4-H Superintendent –Leader Meeting*****

We invite all 4-H Superintendents and Club Leaders involved in the fair to join MSUE 4-H and the Armada Agricultural Society Fair Board members in a planning meeting scheduled for Monday, April 19 at the MSU Extension Office Senior Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Fair books and forms will be distributed to leaders at this meeting. Topics will include Sunday judging, updates, fairgrounds clean up, sign up for 4-H petting farm and exhibit building. This is a wonderful opportunity for both 4-H and Fair Superintendents to discuss their respective departments and work out details for this year's 2010 Armada Fair. To ensure enough food and materials are available, please RSVP by Thursday, April 15 by calling 586-469-6431 or emailing macomb4h@macombcountymi.gov.

*****Horse Program Committee Meeting*****

The next Horse Program Committee is March 22nd at Camp Rotary at 7:00pm. The mini/draft sub-committee will be meeting at 6:00pm, prior to the whole committee. Please make sure that each club is represented at these meetings.

*****30th 4-H Horse Tack Sale*****

Ray's Riding Rascal's is having a **One Day Sale!** March 6th, 2010 from 10 am—2:30 pm. New & Used ***TACK N' CLOTHES***. Held at Berville Lions Field Hall, 13651 Hough Rd., Allenton. Admission is \$3.00, 12 and under free. For more information call Sheryl after 8 pm at 810-874-9921. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

FLYGILITY Still Accepting Registrations

Dog Project members may still sign up for K-9 & Kompany's Flygility, Crafts, and Games on March 27th, at Bark-A-Bout. Michelle must receive your registration by **March 19th**. Some rebates are still available. Details and registration form are on the flyer you have all received. If you need another flyer, contact Michelle (586-770-1077).

***New Volunteer Orientation ***

The next 4-H New Volunteer Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at the VerKuilen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township, MI 48036. Please RSVP to Vickie Hart by calling 586-469-6431 or sending e-mail to veronica.hart@macombcountymi.gov.

***New 4-H Resource Guides Now available from National 4-H Supply Service ***

The four new resources are: **Dog** Training, **Horse** Training, **Digital Photography** and **Poultry**. The 4-H Office has ordered one copy of each if you want to check them out before ordering. Learn more - visit <http://4hlists.org/t/3750665/1063695/891/0/>

Attention all 4-H Club Leaders

We are in the process of updating our 4-H Program Directory for 2010. As staff often receives inquiries from youth and parents regarding the various clubs and how to join, it's important to know which clubs have openings for members and which clubs are full so we can make appropriate referrals. Please let us know if your club is full or if you have openings (and **how many** spots are available), by emailing Marcia Bloomfield with your information at Marcia.Bloomfield@macombcountymi.gov. Thank you!

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***Exploration Days ***

The 2010 4-H Exploration Days registration books are now available online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/edregbk.html>. Registration for 4-H Exploration Days begins at 9 a.m. on March 23rd. Forms received before that date will be kept on file until March 23rd and entered in the order they are received. The cost for a 4-H member to attend full-time is \$165. Non-members pay an additional \$10 participation fee. A deposit of \$80 is due at the time of registration. Balances and session fees are due on or before the **Exploration Days Orientation on June 3, 2010**. Roommate requests may be marked on the registration form, but rooms will be signed up for at the orientation. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Exploration Days is June 23-25, 2010 at MSU. This conference is for those who are ages 11 or older by January 1, 2010. Sessions fill quickly, so register early! Call 586-469-6431 for more information or go online to <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/expodays.html>.

2010 Foreign Exchange Opportunities

2010 Foreign Exchange Opportunities are now listed on the State 4-H website. They include inbound and outbound Belize, Costa Rican and Japanese exchanges, and outbound programs to Poland and Australia. Some of these programs have February 1 application deadlines. To get more information and forms, go to the state website, select Global and Cultural Education from the "Select a Program" pull down menu. From there select International Exchange programs and scroll down 2010 4-H Exchange Opportunities. (<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/culture.html>.) If you need help on an outbound program from the 4-H Office or want to host an inbound program, contact Anne at 469-6431.

Hairy Horse Clinic

The clinic (being held on March 28, 2010) is organized just like a warm-up horseshow. The big difference? The judges offer feedback to each exhibitor on the strengths and weaknesses of their performance. This unique

opportunity provides exhibitors a chance to hear what the judges are thinking. No placings or ribbons here...the feedback is your reward!!! Check out the web site for a complete listing of classes:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/>

***** 4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop *****

March 19-21, 2010 – Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

This workshop offers a variety of plant- and insect-related activities. This is a very hands-on opportunity to explore many horticulture and entomology projects through games, crafts, science applications and career exploration. There's something for everyone so come and join the fun! Open to adults and youth aged 13 and up. Cost is \$70. **Register by 5 p.m. on March 5, 2010.** Call 586-469-6431 or e-mail

Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov for more information.

***** 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop *****

March 19-21, 2010 – Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

Gain ideas, project resources and activities to help kids enjoy the outdoors and care for the environment. Sample a variety of interest areas within the 4-H environmental and outdoor education (EOE) program to share with your 4-H club or group. Sessions will feature GPS, wildlife, environmental stewardship, water testing, fisheries, outdoor adventure challenge recreation and leadership, energy, and forestry. Open to adults and youth ages 13 and up. Cost is \$70. **Register by 5 p.m. on March 5, 2010.** Call 586-469-6431 or e-mail

Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov for more information.

***** 4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop *****

May 15-16, 2010 - Kettunen Center

Learn, share and explore the 4-H companion animals project at this workshop. You'll learn about 4-H companion animal activities, club and group development, leadership opportunities, and canine behavior and training. In addition, you'll learn how to improve both beginning and advanced skills in performance areas such as agility, obedience, showmanship, rally, and freestyle. Additional topics of interest include cat sessions and many other opportunities that will enhance your 4-H companion animal project experience. Open to 4-H adult and teen volunteer leaders aged 13 and up. Cost is \$52 per person. Register through the Macomb County MSU Extension Office by 5 p.m. on April 30, 2010. Call 586-469-6431 or e-mail Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov for more information.

*****4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training *****

April 23-25, 2010 – Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

This workshop offers a variety of training sessions including riflery, shotgun, archery, hunting and wildlife. Completing the course does NOT guarantee that participants will be certified; they must demonstrate proficiency on written and range assessments at the workshop, then complete paperwork (including approval by county staff) before obtaining certification. Join us and see all that the 4-H shooting sports program has to offer!

Shooting sports instructors seeking re-certification in a discipline should fill out a re-certification application. You do NOT need to re-take the training unless you've been inactive for more than three years. Open to new and veteran adult volunteers and youth aged 16 and up. Cost is \$73. Register through the Macomb County MSU Extension office by 5 p.m. on April 9, 2010.

***** 4-H Shooting Sports State Trainers Workshop *****

April 22-25, 2010 – Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

The Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports State Trainers Workshop will provide an opportunity for experienced shooting sports instructors to develop and improve skills in facilitating Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshops for adult and teen leaders. Workshop topics will include best practices in youth and adult education, implementing 4-H goals and policies, and effective workshop facilitation skills. Participants may become certified as a 4-H Shooting Sports Trainer in Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzle Loading, or Hunting and Wildlife. Workshop participants will be selected from an application process. Applications will be accepted from volunteers age 21 and above. Cost is \$82.50. Applications are due to the Macomb County MSU Extension office by 5 p.m. on March 29, 2010. Those accepted must have registration forms and workshop fees to the Macomb County MSU Extension office by April 12 2010. Late applications/registrations will not be accepted. Contact Vickie Hart at 586-469-6431 or veronica.hart@macombcountymi.gov for more information.

***** Michigan 4-H Livestock Camp *****

June 28-30, 2010 – Branch Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Coldwater, MI

Michigan 4-H Livestock Camp is coming! Sessions will include Beef, Dairy, Dogs, Goats, Feeder/Starter, Horses, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine, Large Animal Sweepstakes, and Poultry. There will be lots of other recreational activities and opportunities to meet people from around Michigan. 4-H members must be age 10 by January 1, 2010 to attend most sessions. The Sweepstakes session requires youth to be 4-H age 14. Horse and Beef sessions require at least one year of showing experience at the county fair. Registration begins March 23rd and runs until April 30th. Call 586-469-6431 or e-mail Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov for more information or to request a registration packet.

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*****Horse Clinics*****

There are horse programs available at Wolcott Farms from March through August 2010. For more information please call Carol at 586-752-5932.

*****Scholarship Opportunity*****

Here is a great scholarship opportunity for kids who have volunteered their services and have made a positive impact on others and in their communities. The activity must have occurred in the last 12 months. But hurry, deadline to apply for the Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship ends March 15, 2010. More than 200 scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000, and in two separate age groups: 6-12 years old and 13-18 years old. Ten National scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$10,000 each, for a total awarded amount of \$410,000! Applicants must NOT have graduated before March 15, 2010.

Click here for full details: <http://www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/scholarship/program-information.asp> .